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BOOK REVIEWS.

HARRIS GENEALOGY. COMPILED BY GIDEON D. HARRIS, COLUMBUS, MISS. 1914. Keith Printing Co., Columbus Press; pp. 107.

This family, of good standing in Virginia, which has furnished a considerable number of men of distinction in the South, has been the subject of much bad genealogical conjecture. Mr. Harris, after careful investigation, traces the line to Thomas Harris of Isle of Wight County, who died in 1688. There can be no question of the correctness of the authors' deduction. He prints the evidences, wil s, etc. in full. Mr. Harris gives also short sketches of other Harris families. His work is well done and has been printed in handsome form.

THE ROYAL ANCESTRY OF GEORGE LEIB HARRISON OF PHILADELPHIA. By William Welsh Harrison. Edited by William M. Mervine, Philadelphia. Printed for Private Circulation only, 1914., pp. 122, with 36 illustrations and a chart.

Like Mr. Harrison's former book this beautiful volume is most certainly genealogy *de luxe*. In every respect it is a book to give pleasure to the owner. The intrinsic interest and beauty of the illustrations should be especially commented on. Among the famous families treated of are those of Grey, Mortimer, Fitz Alan, Albini, Bohun and others and the ruling houses of England, Anjou, Castile, Aquitain, France, &c. Some improvements might have been made in the genealogies if more modern authorities had been consulted. For instance the *Genealogist* would have given Jane de Genevil's descent from the great French family of Joinville, and the *Ancestor* supplied proof that Flaed, ancestor of the Stuarts and Fitz Alans was a Breton.

WILLIAM BRANCH GILES: A STUDY IN THE POLITICS OF VIRGINIA AND THE NATION FROM 1790 to 1830. Dice Robins Anderson, B. A., M. A., Ph. D., Professor and Head of the Department of History and Political Science, Richmond College, Richmond, Va. The Collegiate Press. George Banta Publishing Co., Menasha, Wis. 1914, pp. VII, 271, with two portraits, bibliography, etc.

The Schools of History of Richmond and Randolph-Macon Colleges are doing valuable work on the biographies of distinguished Virginians who lived during the first half century after the Revolution. Dr. Ambler has given us Thomas Ritchie and his times and now Dr. Anderson presents a very useful study of the life of Wm. B. Giles, and of State and National Politics from 1790 to 1830. Mr. Giles was one of the founders of the Democratic-Republican party, and served long in the Va. Legislature and the United States Senate. The author has evidently made a most ho r ough study of the sources bearing on this subject and has written a book valuable to all students of our history. The chapters treat of the

following subjects: Early Years, Fighting the Federalists, The Jay Treaty, The Retirement of Washington and the French War, The Va. Resolutions of 1798 and the Election of 1800 Republican Reformation, War on the Courts, Monroe's Treaty and the Burr Trial, The Chesapeake Outrage and the Treason Bill, The Campaign of 1808; Repeal of the Embargo, The Smith Faction, The War of 1812, Triumphant Insurgency, "Putting Claws on Gallatin," Closing the War, Retirement of Senator Giles, States Rights in Virginia after the War of 1812, The Convention of 1829-30.

ENGLISH ECONOMIC HISTORY. SELECT DOCUMENTS. Compiled and Edited by E. A. Bland M. A., of His Majesty's Public Record Office, P. A. Brown M. A. Lecturer in the University of Durham, and R. H. Tawney, M. A., author of "The Agrarian Problem in the Sixteenth Century," London, G. Bell and Sons, Ltd. 1914, pp. xx, 730, with full index.

The rapidly growing interest in Social and Economic History has produced in recent years a large number of books dealing with different aspects of that subject. No work, however, has appeared, prior to this which illustrates English economic history from original documents in the same manner as constitutional history is illustrated by the well known selections of Stubbs, Prothero and Gardiner, and it is the object of the authors partially to fill this gap. The documents included, many of which are printed for the first time, begin with the *Rectitudines Singularum Personarum* and end with the debate on the Repeal of the Corn Laws. The book is divided into parts and sections, and each section is preceded by a short introduction. It is hard to conceive of a more valuable book for students of Economic History than the one before us, and the "general reader" who cares nothing for economics, and who may be disposed to doubt whether the world is getting better will find healthy if disturbing reading in the chapters which treat of conditions among factory and mine operatives the first half of the Nineteenth Century.

THE MILITARY HISTORY OF THE VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE From 1839 to 1865. With Appendix, Maps and Illustrations. By Jennings C. Wise, formerly Commandant of Cadets, Virginia Military Institute. Colonel of Engineers, Virginia Volunteers, Lynchburg, Va. J. P. Bell Company, Inc., 1915, pp. 576, with full index.

The glorious history of actual service in the field by the V. M. I. Cadet battallion and by individual alumni is admirably told by Col. Wise. Few institutions can show such a record. Deducting 121 who were either in the Federal army, in hostile territory or not in service, 14 per cent of all alumni living in 1861 were killed or died in Confederate service. Every old cadet, and every one interested in the military history of our country should own this volume.

BURFORD GENEALOGY, Showing the Ancestors and Descendants of Miles Washington Burford and Nancy Jane Burford, the Father and